

REMARKS

Claims 15, 74, 87 and 100-122 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 15, 87 and 100 are amended. Claims 1, 3, 4, 9-14, 16-19, 32, 51, 54-56, 58, 60-64, 66-73, 75-86 and 88-99 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter therein. New claims 105-122 are added.

In section 2 on page 2, the Office Action rejects claims 3, 12-14, 16, 17, 75, 84 and 88 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the reason that claims 3, 12-14, 16, 17, 75, 84 and 88 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter therein. For at least this reason, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

In section 4 on pages 3-5, the Office Action rejects claims 1, 4, 9, 10, 19, 51, 54-56, 58, 61-64, 73, 78-83, 85, 89, 91 and 93 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,135,959 to Luo et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the reason that all of the claims subject to this rejection are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter therein. For at least this reason, it is respectfully requested that the rejection in section 4 of the Office Action, be withdrawn.

In section 5 on pages 4-5, the Office Action rejects claims 1, 4, 12, 14, 16, 19, 88, 89 and 91 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,294,870 to Tang et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the reason that all of the claims subject to this rejection are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter therein. For at least this reason, it is respectfully requested that the rejection in section 5 of the Office Action, be withdrawn.

In section 6 on pages 5-6, the Office Action rejects claims 4, 18, 19, 51, 54, 55, 61-64, 67, 82, 83, 89 and 93 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No.

5,742,129 to Nagayama et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the reason that all of the claims subject to this rejection are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter therein. For at least this reason, it is respectfully requested that the rejection in section 6 on pages 5-6 of the Office Action, be withdrawn.

In section 7 on page 6, the Office Action rejects claims 4, 32, 60, 66, 68, 72, 95 and 98 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent Document No. 59-75205 to Ogata. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the reason that all of the claims subject to this rejection are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter therein. For at least this reason, it is respectfully requested that the rejection in section 7 on page 6 of the Office Action, be withdrawn.

In section 8 on pages 6-7, the Office Action rejects claims 1, 4, 11, 54, 55, 67, 76 and 77 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,734,455 to Yoshida et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the reason that all of the claims subject to this rejection are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter therein. For at least this reason, it is respectfully requested that the rejection in section 8 of the Office Action, be withdrawn.

In section 9 on page 7, the Office Action rejects claims 4, 32, 68, 98 and 100 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent Document No. 08-179113 to Yoshikawa et al. (hereinafter "Yoshikawa"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 4, 32, 68 and 98 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter therein. Claim 100 recites, an electro-luminescent device with an insulating layer formed so as to surround a predetermined position of the substrate. Claim 100 further recites that repellency of a side-wall of the insulating layer to one of a liquid and a liquid material is substantially different from that of a top of the insulating layer. In distinction to

this claimed subject matter, Yoshikawa discloses a color filter and does not disclose, teach or suggest the claimed subject matter described above.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 4, 32, 68, 98 and 100 as being anticipated by Yoshikawa, be withdrawn.

In section 10 on pages 7-8, the Office Action rejects claims 4, 16, 19, 88 and 89 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,804,917 to Takahashi et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the reason that all of the rejected claims are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter therein.

In section 12 on page 8, the Office Action rejects claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,294,870 to Tang et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,909,081 to Eida et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the reason that claim 13 is canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter therein. For at least this reason, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claim 13 in section 12 of the Office Action, be withdrawn.

In section 13 on page 9, the Office Action rejects claims 66, 84 and 86 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,824,374 to Bradley, Jr., et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the reason that claims 66, 84 and 86 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter therein. For at least this reason, it is respectfully requested that the rejection in section 13 of the Office Action, be withdrawn.

In section 16 on page 9, the Office Action indicates that claims 15, 74, 87 and 101-104 are allowed.

New claims 105-122 are allowable for reasons similar to the reasons stated above in connection with the rejected and allowed claims.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 15, 74, 87 and 100-122 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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